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[Text] Santo Domingo, 1 Aug (EFE) -- Hector Rodriguez Llompart, minister president of the Cuban State Committee for Economic Cooperation, today dismissed the possibility that the U.S. economic embargo of Cuba will end any time soon.

Rodriguez Llompart is Cuban President Fidel Castro's personal representative at the SELA and CEPAL meeting that will open today in Santo Domingo. The meeting is slated to review the foundations for a Latin American response, drafted by SELA and ECLA, to the international economic crisis.

Rodriguez Llompart said that "current political conditions belie, in fact, any chance that the economic restrictions will end."

The Cuban minister added that the forceful steps implemented by the United States in Central America "render any initiative in this context even more remote."

"As you know, it has been announced that the maneuvers by U.S. military forces around Central America will last 6 months, but we don't believe they will end thereafter," Rodriguez Llompart said.

Hurtado Arrives 1 Aug

PA011505 Madrid EFE in Spanish 1446 GMT 1 Aug 83

[Text] Santo Domingo, 1 Aug (EFE) -- Ecuadorean President Oswaldo Hurtado Larrea arrived at the Santo Domingo Airport at 1030 today.

He was greeted by Dominican President Salvador Jorge Blanco, cabinet ministers, and members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the country.

Hurtado on Central America

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[Text] Santo Domingo, 1 Aug (EFE) -- Ecuadorean President Oswaldo Hurtado today favored the withdrawal of all forces foreign to the Central American countries, so that a solution to the armed conflict in the area may be found

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FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS ON UK PROFITS LIFTED

PY120112 Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish 2116 GMT 11 Aug 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 11 Aug (DYN) -- A high-ranking Central Bank official today confirmed the lifting of all financial restrictions that impeded the expatriation of profits to Great Britain by British enterprises located in Argentina. The official noted that these remittances total approximately $10 million.

The financial restrictions issue with Great Britain threatened, in the last few hours, the signing of the second "bridge loan" between Argentina and a consortium of 280 international banks. Economy Minister Jorge Wehbe and Central Bank Vice President Luis Mey today traveled to the United States for this purpose.

FINANCIAL PACKAGE INCLUDES BUDGET CUTS, TAX HIKE

PY112224 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1730 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 10 Aug (TELAM) -- Severe restrictions on public expenditures, an increase in public services rates, continuation of the salary scales implementation, and a number of financial measures are contained in a communique released today by the Argentine Government.

The following is the text of the communique:

"During the coming months, before the transfer of power, the Argentine Government's main task is to prepare the road for the full activity of the democratic institutions and the free activity of elected officials.

"The government is aware of the economic and social developments, and the declarations of political groups, sectorial organizations, and responsible congregations such as the Catholic Church. This awareness has materialized in many ways, including through the meeting between the Episcopal Social Pastoral team and the economic cabinet.

"Due to this position, the government has decided to implement measures aimed at making the transition period develop in a tranquil environment, without sudden changes and problems affecting the basic tendencies of an already evident recovery. The measures do not cover all the points proposed by the Episcopal Social Pastoral team, but those points will be discussed in their respective sectors.

"Within this context, the government, starting tomorrow, will implement a series of measures to prevent obstructions to economic reactivation, which may in turn interfere in the orderly domestic transition to full democratic freedoms.

"The measures are the following:

"1. The financial market's free interest rates are eliminated. Starting today, the institutions cannot accept free interest rate deposits. However, the rates on prior deposits will continue until their maturity date expires.

"The rules on regulated interest rate deposits and the deposits indexed to exchange rates and cost of living remain unchanged. Therefore, savers will not see any changes in their interest rates.

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LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS ON BRITISH FUNDS CRITICIZED

PY160225 Paris AFP in Spanish 2044 GMT 15 Aug 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 15 Aug (AFP) -- It was dislosed in this capital today that the popular Leftist Front [FIP] and the Center of Volunteers for the Fatherland, as a result of the measure lifting restrictions on British property and funds in Argentina, accused Economy Minister Jorge Wehbe and Julio Gonzalez del Solar, president of the Central Bank, of betraying the fatherland.

The charges were submitted to the Argentine Federal Court in notes which were signed by Jorge Abelardo Ramos, head of the FIP, and Osvaldo Destefanis, head of the Center of Volunteers for the Fatherland.

Ramos claimed that with the lifting of restrictions on British funds (which was ordered on 11 August), "they will be in better economic condition to maintain their forces in our territory, and this situation will get worse because the British restrictions on Argentine interests in their country have not been lifted."

The FIP has demanded that Wehbe and Gonzalez del Solar be summoned for inquires and then tried and given the most severe punishment for betrayal and having acted against the nation's dignity.

The charges submitted by the Center of Volunteers for the Fatherland is written in similar terms. It claims that the Shell Company benefited most from the lifting of restrictions and that it has been given this prize for having supplied fuel to the enemy's fleet during the war.

ARMY COMMANDERS HOLD MEETING, ISSUE COMMUNIQUE

PY161537 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 2330 GMT 15 Aug 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 15 Aug (NA) -- The Army Command tonight issued the following communique:

"The Army Command informs the public that the Army commanders meeting ended today at 2000. The meeting started at 0900, and was presided over by the commander in chief of the Army.

"During the meeting, the commanders studied several issues pertaining to the Army and those concerning the Army's responsibility in government activities.

"The Army's unity regarding the important objective of achieving the institutionalization of the country was once again affirmed during the meeting.

"In this regard, it was determined that it is necessary for the Army to continue promoting those measures that must be implemented to assure the path leading to a full democracy; to overcome those issues that have affected the coexistence of Argentines; and to create the best of conditions so as to facilitate the work of the future government."

VIOLENCE AT RADICAL CONVENTION FORCES ADJOURNMENT

PY152230 Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English 15 Aug 83 p 7

[Text] Tucuman -- A violent incident in which two men suffered from gunshot wounds and several others became engaged in fistfights forced the postponement until Tuesday of the Radical Party (UCR's) provincial convention, which started yesterday.

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FL172126 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 1850 GMT 17 Aug 83

[Text] Mexico City, 17 Aug (NOTIMEX) -- On 22 August the foreign ministers of the Contadora Group will hold their eighth meeting on the Panamanian island of the same name to deal with the prevailing serious situation in Central America.

A spokesman for the Colombian Embassy in Mexico City made the announcement and added that there was a possibility that the foreign ministers of Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Costa Rica would also attend the meeting.

The Colombian Embassy insisted that the Latin American nations are giving their full and unrestricted support to the peace measures that the Contadora Group, comprised of Mexico, Colombia, Panama, and Venezuela, is preparing for the area for the purpose of finding political and peaceful solutions to the regional crisis.

The Colombian Embassy here pointed out that Colombia's representative, Minister of Foreign Affairs Rodrigo Lloreda Calcedo, will attend the meeting with a renewed spirit, following declarations and promises made by U.S. President Ronald Reagan to the president of this country, Miguel de la Madrid, during their recent meeting in La Paz, Baja California Sur.

In conclusion, the embassy spokesman expressed satisfaction with Mexican policy and emphasized that peace and wisdom are the only ways to find solutions to the area problems.

C.A. ECONOMY MINISTERS TO MEET IN HONDURAS 31 AUG

PA161557 Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish 1145 GMT 16 Aug 83

[Excerpt] Gonzalo Carias, president of the Honduran Central Bank, has made an exclusive statement to Cadena Audio Video announcing a meeting of the Central American economy ministers in Tegucigalpa on 31 August to analyze the socio-economic situation in the region.

Carias also announced that on 1 September, Central American economic authorities will focus on Tegucigalpa as Dante Ramirez assumes the presidency of the Central American Bank of Economic Integration in a special ceremony.

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